

**King County Agriculture Commission
Status of Work on Annual Priorities 2006-08**

The Agriculture Commission identified the following priorities to receive particular emphasis in each of the last three years: 2006, 2007, and 2008.

(This is in addition to the multiple ongoing programs of the King County Agriculture Program: Agricultural Drainage Maintenance, the Livestock Program and Cost Share; Puget Sound Fresh; Agricultural Marketing; the Farmland Preservation Program; Ag Permit Team; Farmbudsman activities; and Policy and Regulatory issues such as flooding, water availability.)

Economic

Establish Meat and Poultry Processing Facilities (2006)

2006	2007	2008
➤ Put into Rural Economic Strategy	➤ Address zoning barriers, Health Department and FDA regs; need for portable facilities; economies of scale	➤ Developing a mobile slaughter unit in partnership with Pierce Conservation District and the City of Enumclaw

Address Farmers Market Issues (2006):

2006	2007	2008
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Permanent Locations: support to University Farmers Market; ➤ EBT machines w Seattle Farmers Market Association 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Support to Columbia City Farmers Market ➤ Developed King County Farmers Market Manager Forum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Helping Markets Open ➤ Supporting Healthy Kids Initiative in implementing Farmers Market Technology Program

Support Budget for Key Agricultural Items in Rural Economic Package (2006)

2006	2007	2008
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Funding/staffing Harvest Celebration ➤ Farmer-Chef Connection – with Cascade Harvest Coalition ➤ Right to Farm: questions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Funding Harvest Celebration ➤ Second Farmer Chef Connection ➤ Developed code changes that enhanced the economic viability of Ag 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Third Farmer Chef Connection ➤ Development of a commercial kitchen in Carnation

Costs of CUP's (2006)

2006
➤ Loosened regs on home-based industries to help value-added

Increase Support to Farm Stands (2007)

2007
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Increased promotion in Puget Sound Fresh web-site and guide. ➤ Regulatory Support through Rural Strategy

Raw Milk in Markets (2007)

2007
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Addressed by the State: allowed.

Support for Hmong (2007)

2007	2008
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Flood Recovery with WSU Immigrant Specialist: Dhalia Tuber Collections and Machine Repair Workshops 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Flowers to Florists Program ➤ Signage Workshops

Water Availability (2008)

2008
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Developing alternative sources (such as reclaimed water) for irrigation. ➤ Identify the amount of water needed for irrigation.

High Cost of Ag Land (2008)

2008
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Build on '06 Survey on Cost of Agricultural Housing (below) ➤ invite ag Realtors to Ag Commission ➤ put in 10 yr Vision

Regulatory and Policy

Enable Wineries (2006)

2006	2007
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Put in Rural Economic Package 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Necessary Code Changes Passed

Farmworker Housing (2006)

2006	2007	2008
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Put in Rural Economic Package 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Passed Code Changes to Allow More Housing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Need regs for septic, water, structures.

Licensing Fees (2006)

2006
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Consolidated multiple Health Department Licenses (by markets) to one license ➤ Lowered License Fees

Update of Farmland Preservation Program Covenants (2006)

2006	2007	2008
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Address controversial 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Continue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Scheduled to Approve

<p>issues: ensure active farming; affordability.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Consult with Prosecuting Attorney 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Coordinated with covenants for new state program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Send to State, Feds for Concurrence Send to Council
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Food Wastes and Septic Systems (2007)

2007	2008
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Unaddressed as yet 	

Permitting Food at Demonstration Events (2007)

2007	2008
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Unaddressed as yet 	

Address Snoqualmie Flooding (2007)

2007
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Wrote letter requesting “critter pads” ➤ Implemented Demonstration Ordinance allowing the construction of 10 farm pads. ➤ Identified work plan to follow up on all flood issues: preparedness, response, recovery. ➤ Assist identifying potential hazardous wastes released in floods ➤ Participated in Snoqualmie Flood Farm Task Force

Implement Flood Recommendations (2008)

2008
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Reviewed Snoqualmie Flood Farm Task Force Report ➤ Passed Flood-Farm Ordinance ➤ Conduct September workshop for flood readiness and response

Green River Flooding (2008)

2008
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ (Flood Farm Ordinance applies to Green) ➤ Established Green River Subcommittee, conducted field trips ➤ Working with Auburn, Kent ➤ Recommendations in process ➤ Continuing ADAP focus

Alluvial Fans (2007)

2007	2008
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Put policy in proposed Comp Plan ➤ Field trips/issues at 5 sites ➤ One Pilot Project with Stormwater Services ➤ One research project with WRIA 7 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Two projects through Stormwater Services – one with KCD/WRIA 7 Opportunity Fund ➤ A third project through KCD ➤ Continue research/policy work/permitting

Commission Effectiveness, Outreach, Visibility

Establish Website (2006)

2006	2007
➤ Began	➤ Completed

Local Facts and Figures Needed (2006)

2006
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Windshield Survey Updated as Data Base ➤ Evans data for slide show ➤ Baseline Maps of Snoqualmie “Farmers Acting for Fish”

Cost of land and Housing (2007)

2007
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Cost of Housing and Land on APD/FPP parcels Study completed

Outreach to Vashon

2006
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Conduct a field trip and a commission meeting for the public on Vashon

Community Presentations by Commissioners (2006)

2006	2007	2008
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Power Point developed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Shown twice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Presentations for fall 08.

Connect with Urban Councilmembers (2006)

2006	2007	2008
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Attended Commissions Reception ➤ Unable to get before GMA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Attended Commission Receptions ➤ Unable to get before GMA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Attended Commission Receptions ➤ Will try individual Councilmembers

Volunteer Tuber Collections for Hmong Flood Relief (2007)

2007
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Commissioners conducted two Saturday tuber collections at five local nurseries

Conduct Permit Workshops in the APD's (2007)

2007
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Commission and KCD advertised permit workshops for Ag Permit Team (DDES, KCD, Health, Ag Program)

Create 10 Year Vision (2007)

2007	2008
➤ Research, Speakers, Discussion	➤ Finalizing

Snoqualmie Flooding Subcommittee (2007)

2007	2008
➤ Expand Commission for subcommittee membership: on flood issues in the Snoqualmie and on “Eco-APD idea” for Snoqualmie	➤ Continue to discuss

Green River Flood Subcommittee (2008)

2008
➤ Expand Commission for subcommittee membership on flood issues in the Lower Green

Go to Cities Next to APD’s (2008)

2008
➤ Commission slide show to Auburn, Kent, Enumclaw, Carnation, etc to discuss issues.

FPP 30th Anniversary (2008)

2008
➤ Plan/generate FPP 30 th Anniversary for 2009